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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR LOW TEMPERATURE GROWTH OF INORGANIC MATERIALS FROM SOLUTION USING CATALYZED

GROWTH AND RE-GROWTH

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| Notice of Allowability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Examiner                                                                 | Art Unit                                                                    |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Trung Dang                                                               | 2892                                                                        |         |
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# Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed features regarding the steps of using a monitoring process to determine when a reactive solution in a first container become deplete to form a depleted composition; transferring the depleted composition from the first container to a second container that is in fluid communication with the first container; regenerating the depleted composition to form a regenerated reactive solution and transferring the regenerated reactive solution to the first container.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thao Le can be reached on 571-272-1708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Trung Dang/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2892

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